



PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 24544

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LEGRO et al.

Examiner: A. Valenti

Serial No: 09/806,949

Art Unit: 3643

Filed: April 3, 2001

For: **A METHOD FOR THE PROTECTION OF GERMINATING SEED AND
PESTICIDE-COATED PELLETS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated January 31, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire April 30, 2002. Accordingly, a Petition for Three-Month Extension of time is submitted herewith extending the period for reply to July 31, 2002.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 5 as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. Appendix A is a marked-up copy of the amended claims and Appendix B is a clean copy of the amended

8
B
Bates
7/31/02
RECEIVED
JUL 29 2002
GROUP 3600